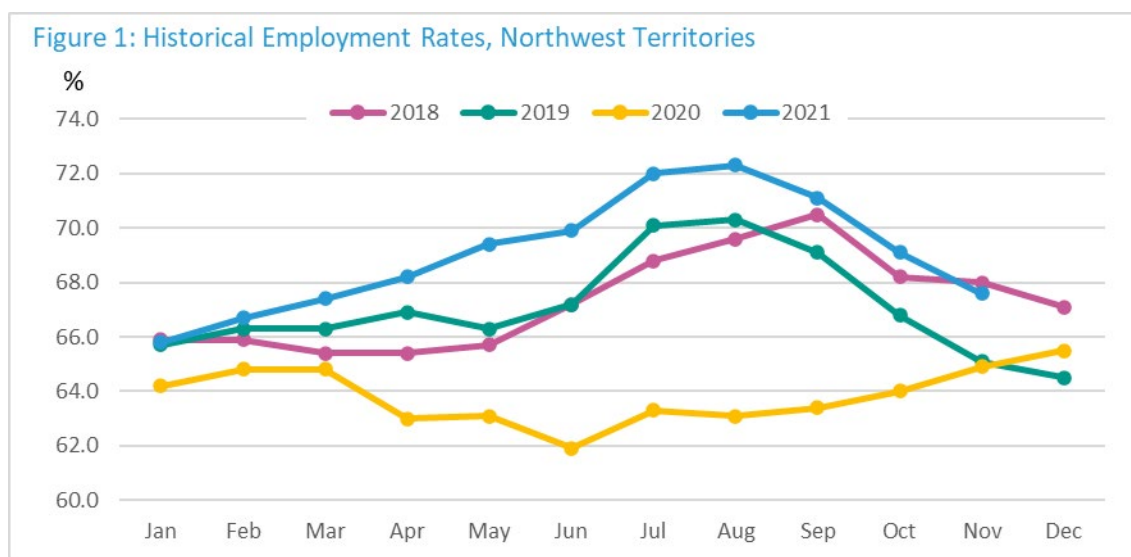


Labour Force Activity¹ November 2021

Labour Force Survey information released by Statistics Canada today estimates that 23,800 residents of the Northwest Territories were in the labour force in November 2021. Of these persons, 23,000 were employed, representing an employment rate of 67.6%. The employment rate slightly dropped from the previous month following seasonal patterns but stayed above rates observed in the past two years for the month of November.

The unemployment rate marginally dropped to 3.4% between October and November 2021, a result of more people leaving the labour force.

Year-over-year, employment in the Northwest Territories increased by 1,000 persons compared to last year, increasing in both part-time (12%) and full-time (3.0%) positions. During the same period, the number of unemployed persons dropped from 1,500 to 800.



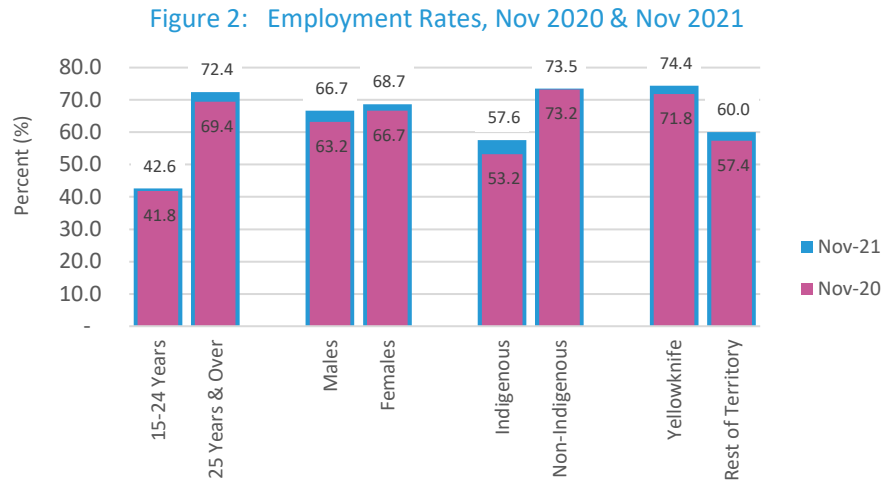
Canada's employment rate increased by 2.1 percentage points to 61.3%. Among provinces and territories, Yukon had the highest employment rate at 69.5%, followed by Northwest Territories (67.6%) and Alberta (64.1%). The national unemployment rate was 6.0%. Unemployment rates were lowest in Saskatchewan (3.0%) and Northwest Territories (3.4%).

¹ NWT LFS estimates are based on seasonally unadjusted, three-months moving-average time series data.



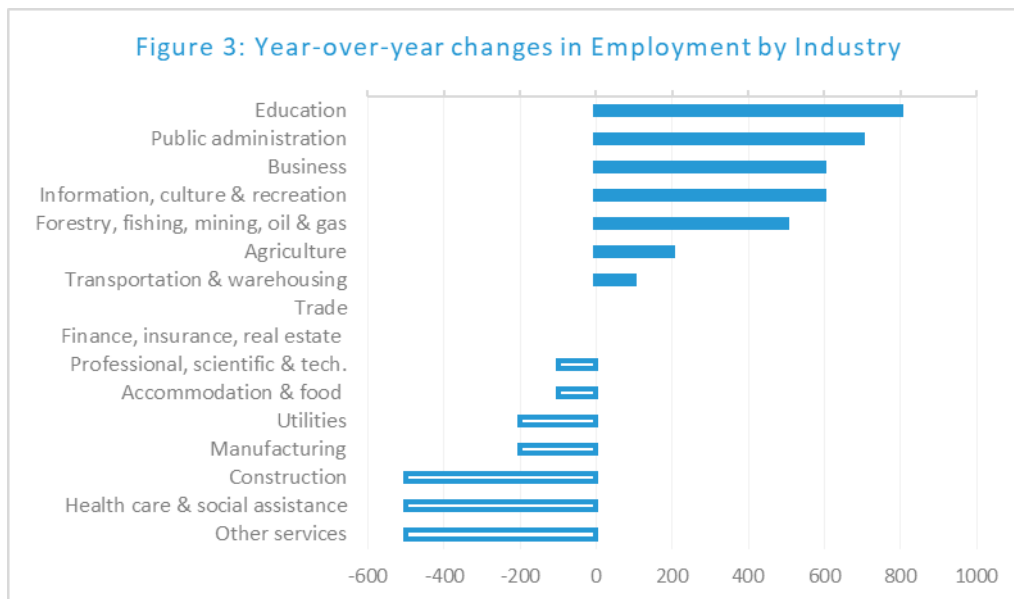
Employment by selected characteristics

On an annual basis, the Northwest Territories' employment rate increased 2.7 percentage points from 12 months ago. Among key demographic characteristics, the percentage points increase in the employment rate was highest among Indigenous persons followed by males, and youths aged 15-24 years.



Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Among industries, year-over-year employment increased the most in educational services and in public administration. The largest employment declines were recorded in other services, healthcare & social assistance, and in construction.



Historical Labour Force Activity

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 3: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Pop. 15 & Over	Labour force	Employed Persons	Unemploy- ed	Not in labour force	Participat- ion rate	Unemploy- ment rate	Empley- ment rate
	Number of persons					Percent		
Nov-21	34,000	23,800	23,000	800	10,200	70.0	3.4	67.6
Oct-21	34,000	24,600	23,500	1,100	9,400	72.4	4.5	69.1
Sep-21	33,900	25,300	24,100	1,100	8,700	74.6	4.3	71.1
Aug-21	33,900	25,700	24,500	1,200	8,200	75.8	4.7	72.3
Jul-21	33,900	25,500	24,400	1,100	8,400	75.2	4.3	72.0
Jun-21	33,900	24,800	23,700	1,100	9,100	73.2	4.4	69.9
May-21	34,000	24,600	23,600	1,100	9,300	72.4	4.5	69.4
Apr-21	34,000	24,800	23,200	1,600	9,200	72.9	6.5	68.2
Mar-21	34,000	24,500	22,900	1,600	9,500	72.1	6.5	67.4
Feb-21	33,900	24,300	22,600	1,700	9,600	71.7	7.0	66.7
Jan-21	33,900	23,700	22,300	1,400	10,200	69.9	5.9	65.8
Dec-20	33,900	23,600	22,200	1,400	10,300	69.6	5.9	65.5
Historical for this month:								
Nov-21	34,000	23,800	23,000	800	10,200	70.0	3.4	67.6
Nov-20	33,900	23,500	22,000	1,500	10,400	69.3	6.4	64.9
Nov-19	33,800	24,100	22,000	2,000	9,700	71.3	8.3	65.1
Nov-18	33,700	24,400	22,900	1,500	9,300	72.4	6.1	68.0
Nov-17	33,700	24,200	22,600	1,500	9,600	71.8	6.2	67.1
Nov-16	33,500	24,800	23,300	1,600	8,700	74.0	6.5	69.6
Nov-15	33,300	25,200	22,600	2,600	8,100	75.7	10.3	67.9
Nov-14	33,000	24,100	22,400	1,700	9,000	73.0	7.1	67.9
Nov-13	32,800	25,100	23,100	2,100	7,700	76.5	8.4	70.4
Nov-12	32,600	25,400	23,700	1,700	7,300	77.9	6.7	72.7
Nov-11	32,500	24,700	22,900	1,800	7,800	76.0	7.3	70.5

For additional information and detailed tables on the labour force survey results for the Northwest Territories, visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <http://www.statsnwt.ca/> or call (867) 767-9169.

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